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Free Talk

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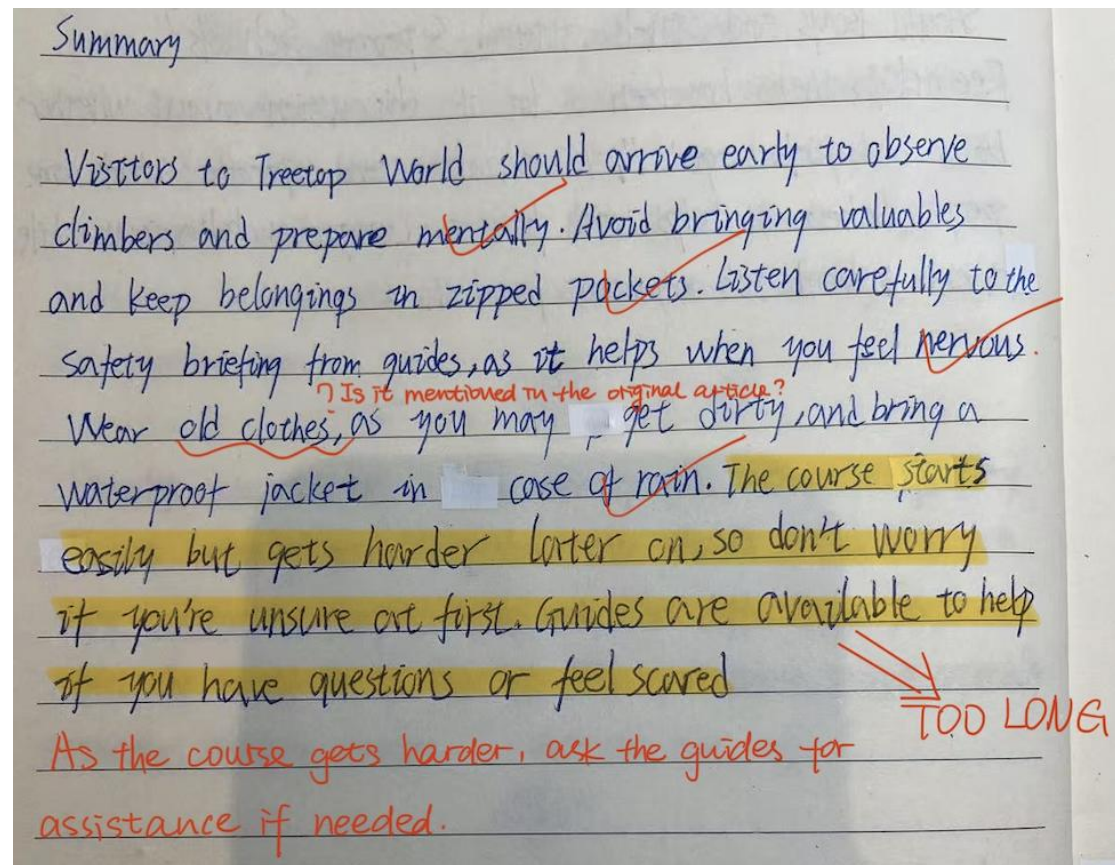
Easter Holiday 复活节

Postcrossing

*a global postcard exchange project that allows people to send and receive postcards from all over the world completely at random!!

Homework Analysis - Writing

Summary



1 → Wear old clothes, as you may get dirty

不建议用“old clothes”，因为文章没直接说明。不介意弄脏的衣服很多呀，旧的、便宜的、不喜欢的。。。

2 → bad The course starts easily but gets harder later on, so don't worry if you're unsure at first. Guides are available to help if you have questions or feel scared. → **As** the course get harder, ask the guides for assistance if needed.

黄色 highlight 部分太长了，要浓缩一下

这里的“**As**”是什么意思？ → 随着

As: 因为/随着/作为

As a student, you should balance your time for study and for fun.

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Memo No. _____

Date ____/____/____

→ 标题应该表明立场

Should Boys and Girls Attend Separate Schools?

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion about whether boys and girls aged 14-18 should attend separate schools. Some people believe it helps ^{students concentrate} with focus and improves behaviour, while others think ^{it is} it's important for both genders to learn how to understand each other. From my perspective, Boys and girls should go to mixed-gender schools.

First of all, studying together helps students develop social skills. In the future, they will need to work with people of different genders, so ^{it is beneficial} it's better to start learning how to communicate early ⇒ effectively from a young age.

Secondly, having both boys and girls in one school can ^{encourage} create healthy competition. ^{which} This can motivate students to work harder and ^{do} their best. ⇒ 固定搭配. ✖ why??

In conclusion, mixed schools help students grow both academically and socially. ^{which} It prepares them better for real life.

Introduction

1 → 标题应该表达立场，不建议用问句

2 → 开头结构很完整，值得表扬!

3 → 细节问题（缩写、大小写等）要注意!

Body Paragraph 1

1 → It's better to start learning how to communicate early. → It is beneficial to start learning how to communicate effectively from a young age.

原句很口语，而且有缩写。

表达好的方面: beneficial、advantageous...

Body Paragraph 2

1 → create healthy competition → encourage healthy competition

Create: 从无到有地制造出一个具体的东西

Competition: 一种氛围或状态

这种状态不是“从无到有制造出来的”，而是被激发、促进出来的。

2 → 第一和二句可以改成从句. → ... which can motivate...

“This”指的是前面提到的 “healthy competition”，可以用从句

Secondly, having both boys and girls in one school can ^{encourage} create healthy competition. ^{which} This can motivate students to work harder and ^{do} their best.
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3 → 论述不够充分

P First of all, studying together helps students develop social skills. **E** In the future, they will need to work with people of different genders, so ^{it is beneficial} it's better to start learning how to communicate early. ⇒ effectively from a young age.

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PEEP(P)

一起来改一下:

Secondly, having both boys and girls in one school can encourage healthy competition. In school, such competition plays a vital role by teaching students how to set goals, handle pressure, and persevere through challenges, which motivates students to work harder and do their best.

Conclusion

1 → Mixed schools help students grow both academically socially. → ...

academically and socially

粗心了

2 → This prepares them better for real life. → This fosters essential competencies for real-world situations.

第二+第三段开头:

第二段: Socially, ...

第三段: Academically, ...

New Writing Task - In-class Practising

Some people think that we rely too much on eating convenience food nowadays.

Here are some comments from your friends:

I think it lets me have more time to do other things.

I wish I knew how to cook things for myself.

It's always easy to find.

It's really expensive and comes with too much plastic.

Write an article for your school newspaper, giving your views.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to use some ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

背景: In recent years, ~~there are~~ more and more people have chosen/turned to convenience food.

*... there are more and more people choosing/turning to convenience food.

*... more and more people have chosen/turned to convenience food.

大家的观点 (包含两方面才会有辩论): Some people hold the opinion that convenience food is a positive development, while others believe that it is unhealthy.

你的观点: From my perspective, convenience food brings more benefits to people who are in high school and working hard every day. (...)

Body Paragraph 1:

Saving time (esp for high school students)

Body Paragraph 2:

~~Technology~~ → ~~convenience food~~ → healthy

Convenience food is suitable for most of the situations in our daily life.

Conclusion:

Homework 1 - ARTICLE

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Homework 2 - SUMMARY

- 13** Read the article about trams – electric vehicles that transport people along metal tracks in the road.

Write a summary about the advantages AND disadvantages of having a tram system in a city.

Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

Trams

If you live in a city, you're likely to spend many hours each year sitting in traffic jams. This can be a major problem, and one way of tackling it is to encourage people to use cars less by improving public transport. Cities worldwide are trying to provide better bus and train services, but many also want to extend their tram systems or introduce new ones. However, as with railways, constructing a tram system takes considerable time. So, why build a tram system?



One important point is that trams cause very little pollution because they run on electricity. At a time when environmental damage and climate change are serious issues, this is a major consideration. Another clear benefit is that tram tracks are cheaper to build than railway lines, although most experts agree that towns and cities need railways and underground systems as well.

Many cities around the world have had trams since the 19th century. In the Australian city of Melbourne, for example, they were first introduced in 1884, and there are now 24 tram routes and over 250 kilometres of track in the city. Robert Clayton, a Melbourne transport expert, says that the city council considered closing the system in the 1980s. 'But fortunately they dropped those plans,' says Clayton. 'We're lucky. Melbourne streets are mostly wide and we don't have the problem which some cities with narrow streets have. In those places, other traffic gets stuck behind trams – there's not enough space to drive around them.'

Clayton explains that because tram tracks are fixed, people know that a tram route will never change. 'It's not the same with buses,' he says. 'Their routes get changed from time to time for various reasons. And although trams are noisier than buses, people here say they're more comfortable for passengers to ride in. After all, isn't that one of the most important things?'